

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 21 has been amended.

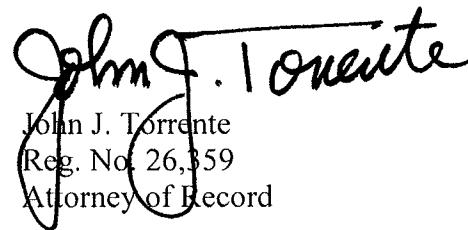
In particular, in claims 8 and 21 the phrase "controlling the image verification apparatus to display additional information of the digital image on a display unit, if it is verified in the verifying step verifies that the digital image has not been altered " has been changed to -- controlling the image verification apparatus to display additional information of the digital image on a display unit, if it is verified in the verifying step that the digital image has not been altered--. It is believed evident from the latter recitation that in the first recitation the inclusion of the word verifies in the phrase "if it is verified in the verifying step verifies that" is a mistake. Accordingly, this mistake has been corrected by deletion of the term "verifies" in the amended claims.

It is submitted that these changes are minor in nature and do not result in any substantive change in the scope of the claims. Additionally, consideration of the changes is believed not to require a significant amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 is respectfully requested.

Applicant further notes that the issue fee is due to be paid in this application by December 3, 2009. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to advise applicant as soon as possible whether or not the subject Amendment will be entered so that applicant can have sufficient time to take whatever action might be needed.

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